

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-6 are amended. Reconsideration based on the above and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 1-6 include allowable subject matter.

I. The Specification Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the specification because of informalities. The specification is amended to obviate the objection. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to claims 1-6 because of informalities. Claims 1-6 are amended to obviate the objection. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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